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AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 4; Title 11;
Title 43 and Title 68, relative to the division of forestry.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. It is the intent of the general assembly that the duties, authority, personnel, and property of the division of forestry and the appropriation and positions for the division be transferred from the department of agriculture to the department of environment and conservation.

SECTION 2. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 11-4-103(2) and (3), are amended by deleting the word "agriculture" and by substituting instead the words "environment and conservation".

SECTION 3. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 11-4-401, is amended by deleting the word "agriculture" and by substituting instead the words "environment and conservation".

SECTION 4. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 11-4-801, is amended by deleting the word "agriculture" and by substituting instead the words "environment and conservation".

SECTION 5. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 11-4-803, is amended by deleting the word "agriculture" and by substituting instead the words "environment and conservation".

SECTION 6. After the effective date of this act, all references in Tennessee Code Annotated to the division of forestry formerly located in the department of agriculture shall be deemed to be references to the division of forestry located in the department of environment and conservation.

SECTION 7. The Tennessee Code Commission is requested to make any and all additional changes and additions to Tennessee Code Annotated necessary to facilitate the implementation of this act.

SECTION 8. The commissioner of environment and conservation is authorized to promulgate rules and regulations to effectuate the purposes of this act. All such rules and regulations shall be promulgated in accordance with the provisions of Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 4, Chapter 5.

SECTION 9. This act shall take effect on July 1, 2000, the public welfare requiring it.